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1. SUMMARY: US REP PLENARY STATEMENT SUMMARIZED
INFORMAL MEETINGS WITH EXPERTS ON CW, REITERATING US
SUGGESTION THT CCD CONSIDER TECHNICAL EXCHANGE VISITS
TO CHEMICAL FACILITIES IN DIFFERENT SOUCNRIES. END SUMMARY

2. US REP (MARTIN), SOLE SPEAKER AT JULY 13 PLENARY,
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BEGAN ANALYSIS OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS OF INFORMAL MEETINGS

WITH EXPERTS BY WELCOMING UK ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTENTION TO TABLE DRAFT COMPREHENSIVE CW CONVENTION LATER THIS SESSION (PARA 7 REFTEL A). MARTIN EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR WORK OF EXPERTS AND COMMENTED ON THE SIMILARITY OF VIEWS EXPRESSED REGARDING DEFINITIONS AND SCOPE OF AGENTS TO BE INCLUDED IN AN INITIAL CW MEASURE. ON DEFINITIONS, HE SAID THAT THERE SEEMED TO BE BROAD SUPPORT FOR A GENERAL PURPOSE CRITERION AND FOR USING TOXICITY AS AN ADDED STANDARD, BUT THAT THE APPLICABILITY OF OTHER APPROACHES THAT HAVE BEEN SUGGESTED IS LESS GENERAL. ON SCOPE, MARTIN RESTATED US VIEW THAT A FIRST-STAGE CW AGREEMENT SHOULD INCLUDE ALL LETHAL AGENTS, AND INDICATED APPRECIATION FOR JAPANESE WILLINGNESS TO TAKE THIS VIEW INTO ACCOUNT (PARA 5 REFTEL B).

3. REGARDING CW VERIFICATION ISSUES DISCUSSED DURING INFORMAL MEETINGS, MARTIN INDICATED THERE IS AS YET NO CONSENSUS AND THAT A TECHNICAL FOUNDATION FOR RESOLVING THESE ISSUES IS NOT YET FIRMLY ESTABLISHED. HE MENTIONED US WORKING PAPERS RECENTLY SUBMITTED (PARA 4 REFTEL C) AS INTENDED TO ASSIST MEMBERS IN EVALUATING CERTAIN VERIFICATION PROCEDURES.

4. US REP RESTATED SUGGESTION FOR CCD TO CONSIDER FEASIBILITY AND UTILITY OF TECHNICAL EXCHANGE VISITS TO SELECTED CHEMICAL PRODUCTION OR DISPOSAL FACILITIES OF VARIOUS TYPES IN DIFFERENT COUNTRIES, WHICH HE SAID COULD HELP PROVIDE A FULLER UNDERSTANDING OF EXISTING PROPOSALS AND COULD ALSO SERVE AS CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES IN THEMSELVES. MARTIN REITERATED THAT A BROADLY-BASED PROGRAM OF SUCH VISITS, ENCOMPASSING A NUMBER OF CCD MEMBERS, VARIOUS TYPES OF FACILITIES, AND VARIOUS TYPES OF INFORMATION, WOULD BE MOST SUCCESSFUL. IN ADDITION TO CW DETOXIFICATION FACILITIES, HE ALSO SUGGESTED VISITING AN ORRANOPHOSPHORUS INSECTICIDE PLANT AND FACILITIES OF OTHER INDUSTRIES (NUCLEAR, DRUG, AND ALCHOLIC BEVERAGE) WHICH EMPLOY CONTROL PROCEDURES COMPARABLE TO THOSE SUGGESTED FOR CW VERIFICATION. HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE CONCEPT OF TECHNICAL EXCHANGE VISITS COULD RECEIVE GENERAL SUPPORT AND THAT SUCH A PROGRAM COULD COMMENCE IN EARLY FALL.

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